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SENATE BILL

No. 566

Introduced by Senator Escutia
(Principal coauthor: Senator Hughes)

February 19, 1999

An act to add Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 124950) to Part 4 of Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code, ~~and to add Section 14087.326 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to school health programs, and~~ Code, relating to school health programs, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 566, as amended, Escutia. School health centers.

Existing law includes various programs to provide primary health care services to the people of California. Existing law also provides health care services and health coverage to families and children meeting specified requirements through the Medi-Cal and Healthy Families programs.

This bill would require the State Department of Health Services to develop and establish a ~~certification~~ licensure program for school health centers, and would require the centers to promote enrollment of eligible students in the Medi-Cal and Healthy Families programs as a condition of ~~certification~~ licensure. The bill would establish the School Health Center Grant Program to provide grants to qualifying

school health centers, as defined, in order to assist the centers in becoming ~~certified or~~ licensed as community clinics, and would appropriate ~~\$2 million~~ \$2,000,000 from the General Fund for this purpose. The bill would also require the department to establish a study group, with specified membership, to explore long-term strategies for the support of school health centers, and the incorporation of these centers into a coordinated, comprehensive health care system.

~~This bill would also require local initiatives, as defined, and certain managed care providers, as a condition of contracting with the department to provide Medi-Cal services, to offer a subcontract to any certified school health center operating in the service area covered by the provider's contract with the department.~~

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 8 (commencing with Section
2 124950) is added to Part 4 of Division 106 of the Health
3 and Safety Code, to read:

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5 CHAPTER 8. SCHOOL HEALTH CENTERS
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7 124950. (a) The State Department of Health Services
8 shall develop and establish, by regulation, a ~~certification~~
9 *licensure* program for school health centers.

10 (b) The ~~certification~~ *licensure* program established by
11 the department under this chapter may include more
12 than one ~~certification~~ *licensure* category. In order to
13 qualify for the highest category of ~~certification~~ *licensure*
14 offered by the department, a school health center that
15 does not offer a full range of primary care services shall
16 cooperate with licensed clinics, hospitals, or other larger
17 health systems, to ensure that all necessary primary and
18 preventative care services are provided.

19 (c) As a requirement of ~~certification~~ *licensure*, each
20 school health center shall establish methods of promoting

1 enrollment of eligible students in the Medi-Cal program
2 (Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 14000) of Part 3 of
3 Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code) and the
4 Healthy Families Program (Part 6.2 (commencing with
5 Section 12693) of Division 2 of the Insurance Code). The
6 department shall establish guidelines to encourage school
7 health centers to work with health plans to develop
8 appropriate cooperative arrangements for assistance in
9 achieving this objective, to the extent permitted by state
10 and federal law.

11 *(d) No services may be provided to any child unless*
12 *the parents or guardian of the child have filed written*
13 *consent with the school district.*

14 124952. (a) The School Health Center Grant
15 Program is hereby established, under which grants shall
16 be made to qualifying school health centers for the
17 purpose of assisting those centers in becoming ~~certified~~
18 ~~or~~ licensed as community clinics. For purposes of the
19 grant program, a qualifying school health center is one
20 that has entered into a partnership or other cooperative
21 arrangement with a licensed clinic, hospital, university,
22 or other larger health system.

23 (b) The grant program shall be administered by the
24 director and officers and employees of the department as
25 he or she may designate.

26 (c) The sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) is
27 hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the
28 department for the purpose of funding the School Health
29 Center Grant Program.

30 124954. (a) The department shall establish a study
31 group to explore long-term strategies for the support of
32 school health centers, and for the incorporation of the
33 centers into a coordinated, comprehensive health care
34 system. Members of the study group shall be appointed
35 by the director or his or her designee, and shall include,
36 but not be limited to, representatives of each of the
37 following:

38 (1) The Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board.

39 (2) The Medi-Cal program.

40 (3) The State Department of Education.

1 (4) The State Department of Mental Health.

2 (5) Community clinics.

3 (6) Managed care.

4 (7) School health centers.

5 (b) On or before January 1, 2002, the study group shall
6 report its findings and recommendations to the health
7 and education committees of the Legislature.

8 ~~SEC. 2. Section 14087.326 is added to the Welfare and~~
9 ~~Institutions Code, to read:~~

10 ~~14087.326. The department shall require, as a~~
11 ~~condition of obtaining a contract with the department,~~
12 ~~that any local initiative, as defined in subdivision (v) of~~
13 ~~Section 53810 of Title 22 of the California Code of~~
14 ~~Regulations, or other Medi-Cal managed care provider,~~
15 ~~which is currently required to offer a subcontract to~~
16 ~~traditional and safety net providers, offer a subcontract to~~
17 ~~any school health center certified pursuant to Chapter 8~~
18 ~~(commencing with Section 124950) of Part 4 of Division~~
19 ~~106 of the Health and Safety Code, and operating in the~~
20 ~~service area covered by the provider's contract with the~~
21 ~~department.~~